



Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary

*A Partnership between the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries and the
American Samoa Department of Commerce*

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Dear Friend of the Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary:

We are in the process of filling seats on our sanctuary advisory council. Beginning immediately, we will accept applications for council membership.

The Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council was established pursuant to Federal law to ensure continued public participation in the management of the sanctuary. The Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) brings members of a diverse community together to provide advice to the Sanctuary Superintendent (delegated from the Secretary of Commerce and the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere) on the management and protection of the Sanctuary, or to assist the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries in guiding a proposed site through the designation or the periodic management plan review process.

Enclosed is our sanctuary advisory council application kit, which includes a copy of the charter for the council and an application form, as well as some information about the sanctuary. Council terms will be for three years.

We are looking forward to receiving completed applications at our office in the Executive Office Building by Friday, April 30, 2010. Applications will be reviewed by a preliminary review panel consisting of selected members from the SAC. The panel will help us narrow down the number of candidates for each seat to the top three. Of these, a member and an alternate will be chosen, and officially notified of their selection.

If you have any questions concerning the council, feel free to contact Emily Gaskin at (684) 633-5155 ext. 271.

Sincerely,

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